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Title of the Invention: POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-DERIVATIZED BIOMOLECULES
AND THEIR USE IN HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 16, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, applicants request entry of the amendments below and reconsideration of the application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

60. (Amended) Method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said analyte specific reactant is conjugated with a member of a high affinity binding pair.

61. (Amended) Method as claimed in claim 60, wherein said analyte-specific reactant is selected from analyte-specific antibodies, antigens, nucleic acids, nucleic acid analogues and lectins.